concerns in the JWG and report back to EU Member-States about reliable quality measures for exports taken by Indian pharmaceutical companies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

MRTPC findings regarding cartelisation by cement companies

3862. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether the Monopoly and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC) in a three-member bench verdict found the private cement industry sector guilty of cartelisation while raising prices periodically in the past;

whether the MRTPC in its cease and desist order has asked the errant cement companies to refrain from indulging in any sort of cartelisation arrangement to the detriment of the consumer; and

whether even after issuance of such orders by MRTPC in cases related to past instances, the cement companies still jack up the prices with impunity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The MRTP Commission in two recent orders has stated that "the cement companies of private sector had connived in fixing the prices of cement." The Commission also passed "cease and desist" orders and directed the errant cement companies to refrain from indulging in any sort of cartelization arrangement to the detriment of the consumer. Aggrieved by one of these orders, the cement companies filed an appeal before the Supreme Court. The Apex Court on 8th February, 2008 passed interim orders and stayed the Commission's directions with respect to filing of the affidavit of compliance.

Land to Georgia Institute of Technology

3863. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that some State Government has allotted 250 acres of land to Georgia Institute of Technology in the city outskirts;

will Government give clearance to institutes of academic excellence only to set up multi-services SEZs; and

if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) No proposal for setting up of Special Economic Zone has been received from Georgia Institute of Technology. Approvals are granted for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in all sectors, including for multi-services SEZs, by the 19 Member Board of Approval (BoA) for SEZs as per the provisions contained in the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006. Only those proposals which are recommended by the respective State Government are considered by the Board of Approval for Special Economic Zones.